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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6714

BILL NUMBER: HB 1380

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Worker's Compensation Burial Expense Allowance.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill increases the maximum worker's compensation burial expense allowance from \$6,000 to \$7,500.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The fiscal impact would be an increase in the worker's compensation premiums of employers or the employer expenditures for a self-insured plan. The impact is probably small since the burial expense allowance would be a small portion of the total premium the employer pays.

The state is impacted as an employer. The state spent \$5.3 M in FY 2002, \$5.0 M in FY 2003, and \$6.0 M in FY 2004 on worker's compensation payments. Since January 2002, the state had paid 5 burial expense allowances. If the prior experience continued, then the impact on the state as an employer would be about \$2,000 annually.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

Information Sources: Department of Personnel.

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